



St Patrick's Catholic Church

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 5th MAY 2024

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

6pm - Vigil Mass
8.30am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass
11.30am - Holy Mass

Monday - 6th Week in Eastertide

9.30am - Holy Mass
6pm - May Devotions

Tuesday - 6th Week in Eastertide

8.30-9.25am - Exposition
9:30am - Holy Mass

Wednesday - 6th Week in Eastertide

6pm - Exposit & Confession
7pm - **ASCENSION VIGIL**

ASCENSION THURSDAY

8.30 - 9.30am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Friday - 6th Week in Eastertide

8.30 - 9.30am - Exposition
9.30am - Holy Mass

Saturday - Our Lady

10am - First Holy Communions
5 - 5.15pm - Confessions
6pm - Vigil Mass

Rosary 25 mins before Mass exc. Sun

Your Gift to God and His Church which includes standing orders: **£1497** and Fabric Fund **£355**. May God bless you abundantly for your support of His Church's vital work of making Jesus Christ present in the world and known.

Special Collection next Sunday for Communications Sunday. This assists the Church to make the Good News known through modern media. If you have a Gift Aid envelope, please use it.

Of your charity, pray for the happy repose of the souls of: **Mr Brendan McLaren RIP** of Montrose Gardens who has died aged 46 years. His remains will be received into the church on Wednesday, 15th May at 6pm with the Requiem Mass on Thursday, 16th May, at 9.30am and **Mrs Maureen Dempsey RIP** of Stirling Road who has died aged 81 years. Her remains will be received in the church on Monday, 20th May at 5pm with the Requiem Mass on Tuesday, 21st May, at 9.30am. ✕*Requiescant in pace*✕

First Holy Communion is this Saturday Mass will be at 10.00am. Pray for the children and their families.

Photographs a reminder that **no photographs** are to be taken during the Mass of First Holy Communion. Graham MacKay has been taking the photographs for several years at St Patrick's and you can contact him on 07920461604 to book. The cost is £65, and this includes two 9x6" mounted photographs of your child and one 9x6" family photograph. Also included is a video of the whole Mass supplied on a USB stick.

Parish Events this Week

Sun 10am - Tea / Coffee in hall

Mon 10am - Tea / Coffee in hall
10.30am - Men's Group
2pm - Women's Guild
6pm - May Devotions

Tue 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches
6pm - Finance Meeting

Wed 12 noon - Welcome Group

Thu 6.30pm - Youth Group

Fri 2pm - Soup & Sandwiches

Sat 10am - First Holy Communions

Post Vigil Cabaret next Saturday, 11th May in the hall at 7pm. If you would like to

donate a prize for the raffle, please hand in to sacristy of chapel house. Thank you.

Church Music there is an important meeting for everyone involved in our church music on Monday, 13th May at 6.30pm, after May Devotions, in the hall.

Congratulations to Draw Winners

<u>Week 37</u>		<u>Week 38</u>	
£300 J Millar	1763	M McGale	1632
£100 S Gray	1424	R Sheilds	1757
£50 J Murphy	1548	R Reynolds	1197
<u>Week 39</u>		<u>Week 40</u>	
£300 M Waters	2182	J Docherty	1165
£100 D Watkins	1251	F McKay	1284
£50 M Anderson	2176	J Egan	3955

Parish Day Out to Largs Saturday, 8th June. Bus will leave at 10.15am. There are only a few places left so put your name down this week if would like to go. For those who have not yet paid please hand money into chapel house this week.

Corpus Christi Procession led by His Grace, the Archbishop from the bandstand on Falkirk High Street through the town centre to St Francis Xavier's Church Sunday, 2nd June, beginning at 2.30pm. Only a few places left in the minibus if you are considering going.

St Margaret's Pilgrimage to Dunfermline is on Sunday, 23rd June. Leaving at 10.30am. A few seats still available on the minibus.

Scalan Pilgrimage between 1717 and 1799 over a hundred men were trained for the priesthood at the secret college of Scalan in the Braes of Glenlivet. These were the so-called 'heather priests.' The college was even disguised as a farmhouse to avoid detection by the Hanoverian forces. Each year there is a national pilgrimage to Scalan, and we hope to take the minibus from St Patrick's. This year it is on 7 July. More details to follow.

Welcome and Prayers for Ava Grace Flannery who was baptised into the faith of the Church last Sunday.

Asperges at the Sunday 11.30am Masses during Eastertide we will have the Sprinkling Rite at the 11.30am Mass. This takes the place of the Penitential Rite at Mass. The Priest blesses salt and water and sprinkles us with it as a reminder of

Holy Day of Obligation on Thursday the Ascension falls forty days after Easter. Ascension Thursday is a day of precept in Scotland: this means that we have the same duty to assist at Mass on this day as on a Sunday. There will be 7pm Vigil Mass and Mass at 9.30am on Ascension Thursday morning. The school children will join us for Mass on Thursday. It's also a day for having a special treat to celebrate.

May Devotions May is the month of Mary. May Devotions begin on Monday, 6 May at 6.00pm. On the Mondays of May Exposition will be in the evening with the Rosary, a short Marian reflection and Benediction. This week our prayer intention is: **For St Patrick's first Holy Communicants.**

Bring Flowers of the Rarest during the month of May, feel free to bring flowers to keep our Lady's altar beautiful during the month. Leave them near her altar or bring them to the sacristy and they will be placed.

our baptism while the choir sings the antiphon 'I saw water flowing from the Temple.' The *Gloria* begins after this has concluded.

Penitential Rite at Mass during Eastertide, instead of the *Confetior*, we will have a shorter penitential rite: It goes:

Priest: Have Mercy on us, O Lord

People: For we have sinned against You

Priest: Show us, O Lord Your mercy

People: And grant us Your salvation

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed during Eastertide, instead of the usual Nicene Creed, we will say the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven, and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.

Reasons for Believing Conference 5-day conference for Catholics aged 16 to 30, 29th July – 1st Aug at Ampleforth Abbey. If you're interested, speak to one of the priests. Register at the latest 2nd July.

Assisted Suicide- Called to Care, Not to Kill please contact your MSP today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland. For more information, www.rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email office@rcpolitics.org.

Preparing For Pentecost (Sunday, 19th May) The Latin word for '9' is *novem*. This is where we get the word 'novena' from: it refers to the nine days between our Lord ascending into heaven and the Holy Spirit coming at Pentecost. During those nine days, the Apostles and Our Lady prayed together for the coming of the Holy Spirit. This is where we get the tradition of doing different novenas, nine days of prayer, which we often do for particular intentions. The novena for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Church begins on Friday.

Novena for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, You promised to send the Holy Spirit.

Grant us the **Spirit of Fear** of the Lord that we may be filled with a loving reverence towards You.

The **Spirit of Piety** that we may find peace & fulfilment in the service of God while serving others.

The **Spirit of Fortitude** that we may bear our cross with courage and overcome the obstacles that leads to our salvation.

The **Spirit of Knowledge** that we may know You, ourselves & grow in holiness.

The **Spirit of Understanding** to enlighten our minds with the light of Your truth.

The **Spirit of Counsel** that we may do Your will seeking first Your Kingdom.

Grant us the **Spirit of Wisdom** that we may aspire to the things that last forever. Teach us to be faithful disciples & lead us in Your ways. Amen.

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SACRED SCRIPTURE

[Always read through the scriptures prayerfully before Holy Mass].

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:

The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

First Reading

Acts 10:25-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 97

R. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

R. The Lord has shown his salvation...

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

R. The Lord has shown his salvation...

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy.

R. The Lord has shown his salvation...

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' **Alleluia!**

Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Prayers of the Faithful Response

Lord hear us.

R. Lord graciously hear us.

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.